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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
| | 09/626,731 | CO ET AL. |
| | Examiner | Art Unit |

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- This communication is responsive to 9/1/04; 1/3/05; 4/14/05.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14 and 26-29. **RENUMBERED 1-8, 13, 14, 9, 10, 15, 16, 11, 17, 12, 18**
- The drawings filed on 26 July 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - All
 - Some*
 - None
 of the:
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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- A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
- CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
- Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office Action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicant's submission, filed on 1/3/05, has been entered.

Applicant's amendment, filed 9/1/04, has been entered.

Claims 1, 9 and 15 (even though marked as "Previously Presented") have been amended.

Claims 24-25 have been added.

Applicant's amendment, filed 1/3/05, has been entered.

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended.

Claims 26-29 have been added.

Claims 1-29 are pending.

2. As indicated in the telephone interview with Rebecca McNeill on 4/15/05, applicant's Amendments To The Claims and Remarks, filed 1/3/05 were proper submissions for the instant USSN 09/626,731 even though the header indicates "Application No. 09/249,011".

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

4. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Rebecca McNeill on 4/14/05.

5. Amend Claim 1, lines 8-9, by deleting: "wherein said immunoglobulin".

6. Amend Claim 9, line 8, by deleting: "wherein said immunoglobulin".

7. Claims 15-25 have been deleted.

8. The title has been replaced with:

-- METHODS OF TRANSPLANTING CELLS BY CONTACTING DONOR CELLS WITH B7-1- AND B7-2-
SPECIFIC IMMUNOGLOBULINS --

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

9. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Upon reconsideration of applicant's amended claims, filed 9/1/04 and 1/3/05 as well as the Examiner's amendment, the previous rejections under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, as well as prior art have been withdrawn. The claimed B7-2-specific humanized immunoglobulins, which comprise framework substitutions in the III2R heavy chain framework region or in the HSF light chain framework region appear free of the prior art. Accordingly, the pending claims are deemed allowable.

10. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phillip Gabel whose telephone number is (571) 272-0844. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (571) 272-0841.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300

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